ganization had not been effected on the spot. I think we ought to meet them encroachment boldly, decidedly, and at once. For my own part, my course is decided. I will not remain in connection with a society that will sanction, directly or indirectly Garrisons principles on the Woman question or any other of his new isms. And such I know is the determination of some of the best friends of the cause here, with whom I have conversed upon it. I hope you will do something decided in Massachusetts forthwith. I was disappointed in not seeing the call for a new society in the last Abolitionist. I suppose that it is the determination of Garrison to destroy the national society, that he may reign alone, with "our beloved Maria" as prime minister. It is this consideration, and my sincere respect for, and confidence in the Executive Com. of the Parent Society, that alone reconciles me to any delay, in the effort to dissolve at once with the Parent Society. Pray let me hear from you soon.

Yours truly
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Prof. Wm Smyth

~~Answer at once~~

Dear Bro. Phelps,

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I am prevented by circumstances, beyond my control, from being present at the Anniversaries as I expected. I am astonished at the course of things in the Am. Society. I can regard the vote on the Woman question, in no other light, than as a plain and palpable violation of the constitution, and a breach of faith; on the part of the Society toward those of us, who joined it, on the expectation of course, that the language of the constitution would be interpreted in accordance with common sense, and common usage. Had it for a moment been dreamed, that such a construction would have been put upon it, the Maine society would never have become auxiliary to the American, and unless I am greatly mistaken in the state of opinion here, we shall dissolve ~~that~~ connexion, as soon as that vote is decided to express the future action of the society. I must confess that I have but little hope that the vote will be reversed, when I consider the ground taken by Messrs Leavitt, Stewart & Gerrit Smith. I regret that a new or-